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**Quarterly Activity Report
April-June 2008**



Department of Workers' Claims

Division of Information & Research

Records Branch

EDI Section

Manually Added First Reports:

Claims	323
Agreements	102
Medical Fee Disputes	8

EDI Received 8,914



Imaging Branch

Data Entry Section

Mail Received	25,174
Orders	8,677
Opinion/Awards	424
Docket Orders	633

Open Records

Written Requests	3,395
Social Security	183
Pre-Employment	5,470
Fish & Wildlife	14

Total Sheets Scanned: 442,532

Equates to:

Total Documents Scanned: 58,122

Micrographics

Total Sheets Printed from microfilm: 44,642

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Administrative Law Judges

Benefit Review Conferences	1,240
Formal Hearings	465
Opinions	395
Remands	16

Appeals Section

Appeals to the Board: **67**

Final dispositions by Board: **30**

Opinions rendered by board members:

Stivers	23
Gardner	25
Cowden	24
Total:	72

Appeals to Court of Appeals:	24
Records sent to court:	21
Court orders final disposition:	0
Court of Appeals opinions:	19

Appeals to Supreme Court:	5
Court orders final disposition:	0
Supreme Court opinions:	15

Office of General Counsel

The Office of General Counsel received **267** Enforcement citation cases for this quarter.

17 UCP cases

1 Fraud cases

Enforcement fine and penalties collected: **\$195,619.99**

Show Cause fines and penalties collected: **\$34,800.00**



QUARTERLY ACTIVITY

Lost Time First Reports of Injury	8,105	Dismissals	162
Claims Assigned	1,556	Re-openings (medical)	243
Pre-litigated Agreements	1,076	Re-openings (overruled)	9
Awards	260	Re-openings (sustained)	52
Agreements	772	Re-openings (motion docket)	247

Distribution by Body Part (Top Ten)

Claims

Lower Back	340
Multiple Body Parts Including Systems	281
Shoulder	128
Knee	121
Disc	63
Wrist	60
Multiple Upper Extremities	55
Lungs	49
Ears	42
Soft Tissue	38

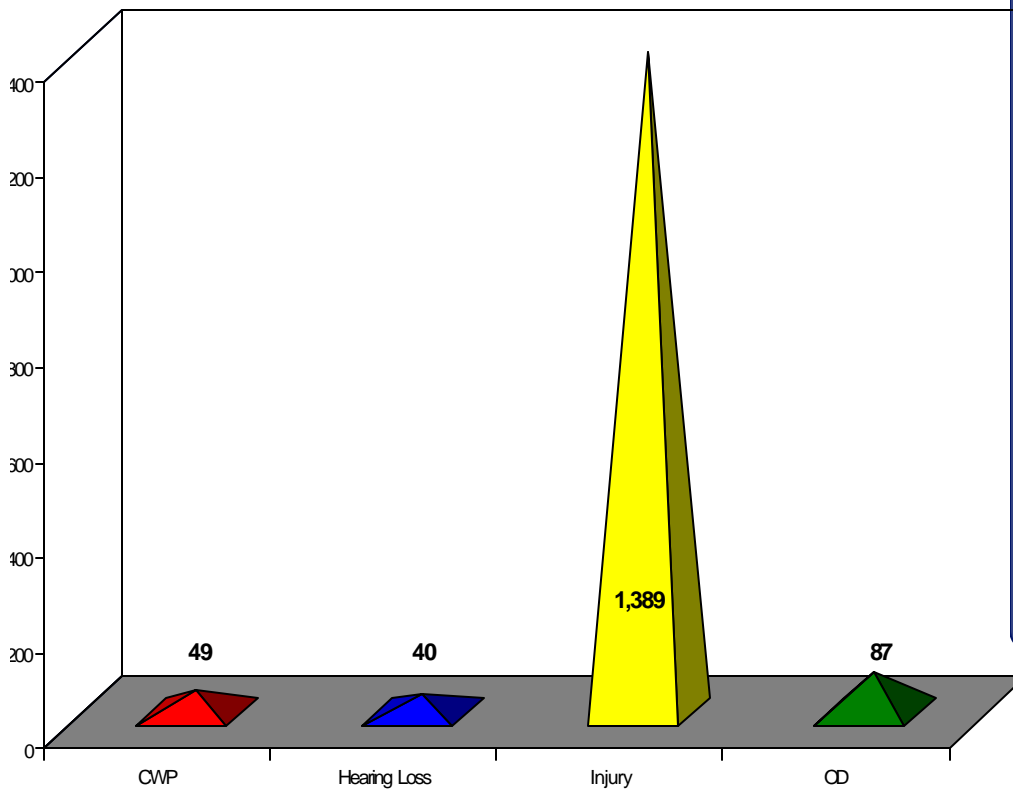


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(First Report of Injury)

Lower Back	1,209
Multiple Body Parts Including Systems	931
Knee	756
Shoulder	639
Fingers	441
Hand	371
Ankle	346
Wrist	321
Foot	286
Abdomen Including Groin	261

Distribution of Claims by Type



Top 10 Causes of Injury Claims

Fall or Slip	376
Lifting	270
Motor Vehicle	140
Strained or Injured By	128
Repetitive Motion	109
Pushing/Pulling	75
Falling or Flying Object	72
Absorption/Ingestion	57
Continual Noise	37
Other Injury (NOC)	34

Claims figures are based on date of filing.

Distribution by Industry

	Claims	First Reports
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	26	216
Mining	253	373
Construction	142	698
Manufacturing	321	1,470
Public Utilities & Transportation	161	691
Wholesale Trade	51	318
Retail Trade	178	1,168
Finances, Insurance and Real Estate	21	122
Services	334	2,513
Public Administration	52	484
Unclassified	26	

Division of Claims Processing

Claims Assignment

New claims	1,028
New claims to the judges	1,258
Motion docket cases	285
Medical Fee Disputes	120

Case Files Section

Received **704** new motions to reopen.
 Attorney Fees to Motion Docket was **158**.
 Reopenings to Motion Docket was **538**.
 Total files returned for the period April-June, 2008 was **1,518**.
 Cases purged was **1,703**.

Agreements

First report agreements	1,118
Attorney fee motions	377
Lump sum settlements	181
Approved agreements	788
Requests for widow's benefits	39

Division of Ombudsmen and Workers' Compensation Specialists Services

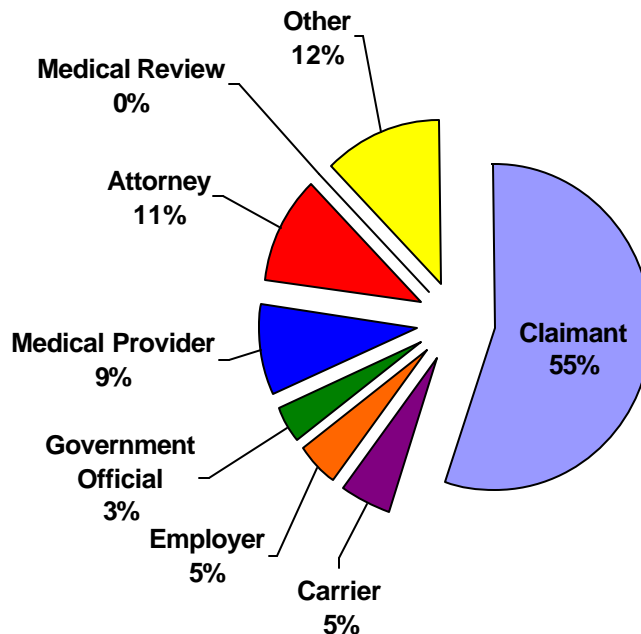
Mediation

Intervention Requests:	395
Intervention Completed Successfully:	95

Claims

Claims filed:	3
Number of other forms assistance:	12

Sources of Request of Assistance



Medical Evaluations

The number of shipments to B-reader's for HB 348 during the 2nd quarter of 2008:

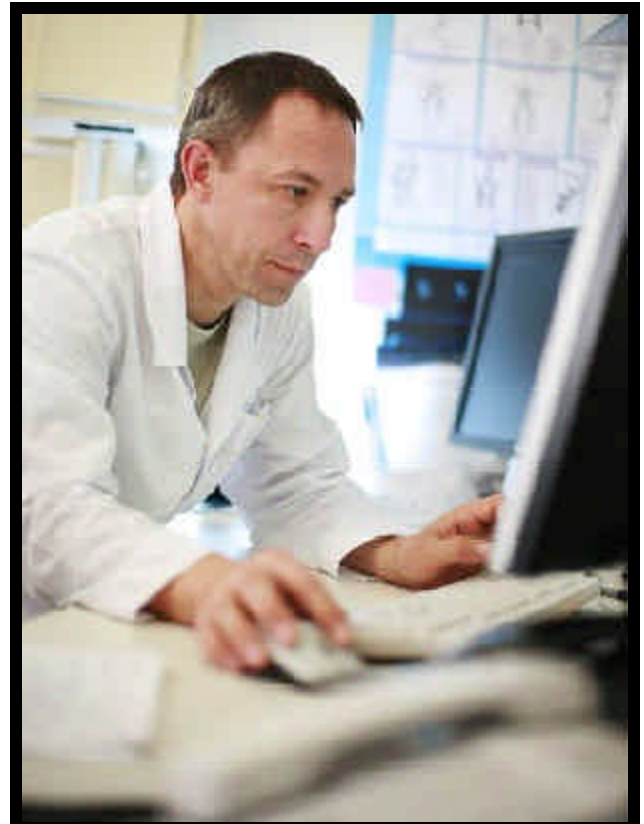
1st B-reader: 12

2nd B-reader: 20

3rd B-reader: 14

Total: 46

University of Kentucky	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08
Asbestosis- 061	0	1	0
Chem/metal pos. 066-067	3	0	0
Hearing Loss 072	8	14	1
Injury & Dermatitis all- 068	3	1	4
TOTAL	14	16	5
University of Louisville	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08
Hearing Loss 072	3	0	0
Injury & Dermatitis all- 068	0	2	0
TOTAL	3	2	0



Vocational Rehabilitation

Cases referred by ALJ's: 21

Number of claimants requesting training: 2

Number of claimants approved for training: 1

Number of claimants who returned to work: 4

Division of Security & Compliance

Self-Insurance Branch

The Self-Insurance Branch reviews the financial strength of individual self-insured employers and determines the surety requirements necessary to cover their outstanding workers' compensation liabilities. Self-Insurance auditors utilize independent resources such as business periodicals, regional and national newspapers and internet business sites to monitor the financial condition of self-insurers. Currently, there are 157 self-insured companies in the state of Kentucky.

Enforcement Branch

	April	May	June	Totals
Investigations	1,154	856	982	2,992
Citations Issued	79	135	90	304
Penalties Collected	\$70,658.33	\$83,727.33	\$70,726.33	\$225,111.99
Form 4's Processed	493	495	488	1,476

Coverage Branch

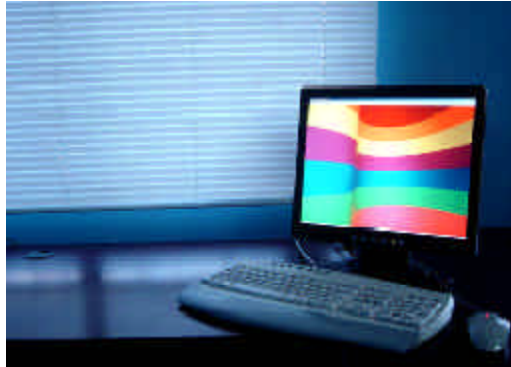
Transactions processed 67,456

Acceptance Rate 95%



The Technical Support & Design and Development Section

The Technical Support & Design and Development Section respond to all technical, networking and programming needs for the Department of Workers' Claims. Technical Services Section responded to 1,223 requests and 533 Helpdesk issues were completed.



Design and Development's Major Projects Completed and/or Activity

The Design and Development Section maintained and supported the SIMBA, EDI and POC programs. Design and Development staff logged and tracked issues in Test Track System when issues were reported. Staff assisted trading partners in regards to EDI transmittals. New FileNet codes were implemented for the Self-Insurance Section. POC/EDI/Simba and FileNet user id accounts were switched over to active directory. On May 14, 2008 the EDI 1.4.1 build was implemented to fix issues with active directory. Design and Development Staff worked on the new Proof of Coverage 2.1 process and guidelines for development in line with International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commission (IAIABC) Standards 2.1 program. Design and Development continues to meet with sections to get input for the Policy Driven Project. The new screens for Policy Driven have been implemented in test system for development testing. Staff met with the Claims Division to design a new 120EX process with analysis of creating new status codes, dispositions, form letter and developing a 120EX template to be utilized by our constituents. Staff conducted Simba training for the workers' compensation specialist section. Design and Development staff completed 62 Test Track issues and received 75 new issues for Simba. Simba/EDI Form letters were updated with the new reorganization changes. Section staff ran queries for in-house staff when requesting specific data from SIMBA.

